

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1820

To require the Secretary of the Army to renew the lease of land for operations of the Corona Municipal Airport, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2023

Mr. CALVERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In 1960, Corona established the Corona
6 Municipal Airport to provide recreational opportuni-
7 ties for aviators throughout southern California.

8 (2) The City of Corona initially entered into a
9 lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-
10 neers on December 24, 1959.

1 (3) The City's lease with the Corps of Engineers enabled the construction of the airport into its
2 3 current configuration.

4 (4) For over 60 years, the Corona Municipal Airport has supported local businesses, tourism, and
5 6 recreation for local residents and the region.

7 (5) The Corona Municipal Airport maintains
8 9 the capability to assist in public safety efforts to
10 protect life and property where aviation assets may
11 be necessary.

12 (6) The Corona Municipal Airport supports approximately one dozen local, small businesses.

13 (7) The Corona Municipal Airport continues to
14 drive business development and local tourism for the
15 City of Corona and connect people throughout
16 southern California to those opportunities.

17 (8) The City of Corona's lease with the Corps
18 of Engineers is set to expire on January 30, 2037,
19 without an opportunity to grandfather the facility
20 under existing policies.

21 (9) The closure of the Corona Municipal Airport would deprive aviators of significant opportunities to enjoy this recreation pastime as fewer small,
22 recreational airports in the region remain open and
23 24 accessible.
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1 (10) Extending the City's lease with the Corps
2 of Engineers would allow this culturally and eco-
3 nomically significant facility to continue serving avi-
4 ators in the region.

5 **SEC. 2. CORONA AIRPORT LEASE RENEWAL, PRADO DAM,**
6 **CA.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
8 retary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers,
9 shall not apply chapter 16 of the Corps of Engineers Oper-
10 ation and Maintenance Policy ER 1130–2–550 (March
11 30, 2009) to the lease of land and water areas within the
12 Prado Flood Control Basin Project Area between the De-
13 partment of the Army and the City of Corona, California,
14 for the operation of the Corona Municipal Airport (Recre-
15 ation Lease No. DACW09–1–67–60) and shall renew such
16 lease.

